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"He Loveth Me."

All that thou hast to do,
Do with thy might,
Earnestly, faithfully—
Rest comes at night.
What though the day be long,
God's grace can make thee strong;
This be my joyful song,
"He loveth me."—SEL.

From Lanark, Ill.

We are yet in the land of life and a progressive development in the higher and sweeter realms of Christian character. The growth from the lower to the higher, from the animal to the spiritual forms of unfoldings is not brought about suddenly, neither is it brought about without an effort on our part. *Growing in the Divine life* should be the earnest longings of every heart. For this we preach, for this we pray and for this we sing.

With a view of this character R. F. Mallott began a continued effort of preaching in Lanark, June 8th, and successfully held the fort for a little more than two weeks. This season of the year is fraught with many disadvantages for such work. We had other powers to combat that we really could not covet very much. Viewing the situation carefully and candidly the meetings were a success, and were closed in Lanark, June 27th. with five accessions. Bro. Mallott then came to Bethlehem eight miles south of Lanark, preached three sermons, and had one more for baptism.

On the afternoon of July 1st, Bro. Mallott and self drove about 12 miles South into Whiteside Co. Spent the night at the home of Bro. and sister Deitz. Bro. Deitz is a member of the German Baptist church and sister Deitz of the Evangelical Association.

Through the country of Bro. Mallott preached in the evening in the school house near by. And on July 2nd, at 4 o'clock in the morning, we reluctantly took the parting hand. Bro. Mallott going to Milford Ind., and I to my home. It is a little sad to see a Bro. minister leave after remaining so long. You know brethren we are the only Brethren minister in Northern Ill., and perhaps the only one in all. Ill.

Z. T. LIVENGOOD.

From The Field.

Through the earnest solicitations of the brethren South of Roann, Ind., to hold a few meetings for them, June 15th, we went to the place of meeting. In consequence of the heavy rain fall on Sunday the appointment reached them only a few hours in advance of us. The result of this was a small congregation to begin with on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday evening we were rained out altogether, no person getting to the place of meeting.

On Thursday evening we had a full house and good attention. After services we went the "same hour of the night," to the banks of a beautiful stream near by, (almost the entire congregation accompanying us,) where two sisters dedicated themselves to God, and rose from a watery grave we trust, with the whole armor of a soldier in Jesus.

On Friday evening after service the scene was repeated. This time two young men left the ranks of sin and started for the better land. I hope not only started, but like Caleb and Joshua be permitted to enter. The soft yellow rays of the moon falling on the sparkling brook added beauty to the occasion, and reminded us that while we were standing by the brink of that beautiful stream, that is wending its way to the mighty ocean, that the moments which make up our lives are fast hastening to the ocean of Eternity, and soon we shall all have passed beyond the tide, I hope to enjoy the rich reward that awaits the faithful

Give God the praise for all that is accomplished.

WILLIAM W. SUMMERS.
North Manchester, Ind

Dowagiac, Michigan,

Dear Brethren, let us work and pray and the Lord will bless us and when the Lord has blessed us let us tell the rest of our brethren and sisters through the EVANGELIST, so that all can rejoice, then shall the Scripture be fulfilled. Rejoice with them that do rejoice. The Gospel claims that all Christian hearts are united. What is one's joy is all their joy; what is one's sorrow is all their sorrow.

Well beloveds, I want to say to you that Brother Rittgers and Brother Ewing of South Bend, Ind, were with us over last Lord's Day, and it was a season of rejoicing to us all. With Brother Rittgers at the desk to do the preaching and Brother Ewing at the organ as chorister—well in fact these Brethren taken together make such a team and power in the vineyard of the Lord that I think it would be hard work to match them. They seem to be so wonderfully charged with Divine power that sin and sinners cannot withstand the pressure. On Monday following the 4th, we had a baptismal meeting, and six precious souls were buried with Christ in baptism, and I hope the Old man and all that was connected with him was left in the bottom of the creek and that those 6 arose to walk in newness of life. They were all heads of families, and they will be a great help and of much use to us and the Master; and still there are more to follow.

On Sabbath, the 24 of July, we hold our Harvest Home, or thanksgiving meeting. How I wish the church every where would hold a special thanksgiving service. Brethren, my heart is full yet of things to write, but I feel space forbids. Pray much for us brethren. Amen.

WALTER CLARK.

Field Echoes.

After filling the regular appointments for June in Milford and Nappanee, Ind., I went westward to Lanark, Ill. Had arranged to hold some meetings in Lanark and to be with the brethren at their feast about 6 miles south of town. After a weeks work I received a telegram to return to Milford and preach brother Fisher's funeral. The meeting was in such a condition that to have left at that time would have been death to its results, and after due consultation, Bro. Livengood came in my place to officiate upon this sad occasion. The church at Milford feels the loss of brother and sister Fisher, severely. I baptized them one year ago the 18th of May last. Sister Fisher was called from earth and its cares last December and now Bro. Fisher has followed her into that invisible beyond. He was a member of the building committee having charge of the church house in course of erection. The church has lost a valued member, the community and excellent citizen, and the children an affectionate father. It was my privilege to visit with and anoint him with oil about a week before his death. He talked much and expressed a desire that he might be spared to at least visit the church in course of building, but this desire was not enjoyed. We believe he has reached that eternal sanctuary that for beauty excels those of earth.

I enjoyed my visit with our brethren of Ill. They are full of faith and good works having a good degree of old-time Christianity found in 1 Thess. 1: 3. Visited at the homes of brethren Wm. Harrington's Swigart's, Lichty's, Livengood's, Fike's, Shelley's, Putterbaugh's, Dubbel's, also at the homes of some of the friends of the brethren cause, among whom where Mr. Henry Putterbaugh's. He is a retired stock-shipper and farmer. He owns several farms yet that are supervised by his son Edward, an exemplary young man living at home. His daughter, Amanda, was among those baptized while I was there. Another daughter, sister Emma, was baptized last Autumn, when Bro. Bashor was in Lanark. The rest are all outside of church organization, but hope the time will soon come when all in this happy home will love Jesus, to do all that he commands. "If a man love me he will keep my works; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." John, 14-23.

"Happy the home where God is found
Enthroned on every heart;
Happy the souls where joys abound
That death can never part."

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." John, 15-11.

Mr. Putterbaugh, by way of descending from the pinnacle of an active business life, has gone into Bee-culture, and his success is excellent. When I meet with good people who make a success of everything in things of earth that they touch, I long to see them at work for the upbuilding of our Redeemer's Kingdom. Hope my good friend P., while guarding and caring for the busy bees, will remember Psalm 19:10.—"The statutes of the Lord are right. More to be desired are they than gold, yea than much fine gold: Sweeter also than honey and the honey comb."

Visited also at the home of Mr. John Rowland. He is a son-in-law of Bro. Jos. Dubble's. He has been much afflicted for several months although but a young man. He has fair prospects for recovery. Hope they will be fully realized as he will become, we trust a useful man both in his relation to the church and world. Hope at all events to hear of him soon coming to Jesus that cares for both body and soul whether living or dying. That peace "the world knows not of" will shed a mellow lustre over the soul and free from the inquietudes of irreconcilliation. Afflictions will become clouds of God's grace pouring forth life to the soul, and we can say "though the outer man perish, the inner is renewed day by day." We do not wait for eternal life and its blessings until after death. "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life, and is passed from death unto life." I believe this as much as I believe that good seed has within its hull (or body) the life of a coming harvest.

There is surly a good future for the brethren church in this part of Ill. Bro. Livengood needs help in the ministry. He has done nobly.

Brother Harrington does the "Sankeying" for him, and the Baptist brethren not having a pastor, permit the Brethren to use their house for a nominal rent and they seem to enjoy our meetings. The greater portion of the membership lives down at Bethlehem, where they have a commodious house of worship and appear happy. A number of them attended the meetings at Lanark notwithstanding the short evenings and busy season.

Am at Milford to fill appointments again. The brick work of the church is nearly done, and I just can't write how happy I feel as I look at its towering walls and see what an excellent job of work our contractor, Mr. Smith, is doing for us.

Our church will be ready for dedication by the first Sabbath in October. We have the consent of Bro. Bashor to dedicate it, and hold a protracted meeting, and from present prospects you can expect to hear of a grand work.

At our last meeting in Nappanee one came forward for baptism. At a prayer meeting shortly before one was received by letter—Sister Libbie Moyer formerly of Mt. Morris, Ill. Sister M. will be remembered by the early readers of the "Young Disciple" as she used to edit that Juvenile paper. I formed the acquaintance of Bro. Moyer. He has resigned his position as teacher in Mt. Morris College and intends to complete his course at Oberlin, O., preparatory to entering the ministry. He had formerly intended to enter the medical profession but seeking the principle taught in, "Is not the body more than the raiment?" He has felt that caring for diseased souls is better in its results and more needful than caring for the ills of the body. Hope he can do much good in this sphere. He is young, well informed, with considerable literary experience, all of which unite to make a hopeful future for him in this calling. I enjoyed his society much.

I visited on Monday the children of our good Bro. Fisher (deceased) that remain on the home farm Sister Ida and William. I found Sister Ida very lonely, but hope time will have a bound for her sorrows. I also visited Brethren Tom, Geo. and John Dubbs, Skelley's, Clayton's, Muntz's, Rohrer's, Montgomery's and others. We found the brethren in good spirits and looking forward, hopefully to the completing of their new church. We have appointed our next meeting in a grove near by town. A few of our members did not get to our last meetings. Sister Hendricks was sick. Some were visiting over the 4th of July. Some others were missing from whom I received an apology that they were visiting friends over the 4th of July. It only comes once a year you see. While the celebration of freedom for the Christian occurs each seventh day, "He speaks of the seventh day on this wise—** There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." Don't fail often brethren and sisters to celebrate the 7th day. "I was in the spirit on the Lord's day" ought to be the emotion of all hearts that love the Redeemer. I shall never forget the respect and patience of the people in and about Milford.

Our accomodations are so very poor in the store room where our meetings are held, yet they give a full house at each service. Tuesday eve. we had meeting in New Paris, a good congregation was present.

After brother Skelly and I stopped with brother Ettelein long enough to eat ice cream and chat a little about the part of Ill. where he once lived. Then we came to Milford Junction where the old reliable B. & O. carried me homeward. I preached at home over Sabbath and will arrange for our feast which will be held soon.

R. F. MALLOTT.

A new religious movement is creating much excitement in Southern Russia. The "Stundists," who are members of a Lutheran body, now call themselves Evangelical Christians, and are making surprising progress among the peasant class. In many villages the orthodox churches remain empty, while the meeting-houses of the Evangelical Christians are crowded. Dissent continues to multiply in Russia in spite of every kind of persecution.

Two thousand children, nearly all of Hindoo and Mohammedan parentage, marched, not long since, in the annual Sunday-school procession at Lucknow, India.